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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: BERLIN AIR SERVICES - MOVE TO TEGEL
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1. DURING A CALL AT THE EMBASSY, PAA DIRECTOR
RUNNETTE OUTLINED MAIN POINTS OF AN "AD REFERENDUM"
AGREEMENT BETWEEN PAA/BA AND THE SENAT REACHED ON
JULY 26. THE AIRLINES HAVE AGREED TO TRANSFER
SCHEDULED OPERATIONS TO TEGEL SOUTH AS OF APRIL 1,
1975. THE SENATE WILL PROVIDE A ONE-TIME PAYMENT OF

JUST UNDER DM 10 MILLION, OF WHICH DM 5 MILLION WILL GO
TO PAA. ACCORDING TO PAA'S CALCULATIONS THIS AMOUNT
SHOULD COVER MOVING EXPENSES, NEW GROUND EQUIPMENT,
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRESENT
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TEMPELHOF RENTS AND THE HIGHER TEGEL RENTALS (TO BE

INTRODUCED APRIL 1, 1975) FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 18 MONTHS.

2. THE AGREEMENT ENVISAGES THAT LANDING FEES WILL ALSO BE INCREASED PER THE BERLIN AIRPORT COMPANY'S (BFG) PENDING APPLICATION TO COINCIDE WITH THE MOVE ON APRIL 1, 1975. THE SENAT FURTHER UNDERTOOK TO GUARANTEE THAT RENT AND FEE LEVELS AT TEGEL WOULD REMAIN THE SAME FOR FIVE YEARS AND SUPPORT A FARE INCREASE APPLICATION TO COVER INCREASED CARRIER COSTS RESULTING FROM THE HIGHER LANDING FEES. RUNNETTE WAS NOT CERTAIN BUT BELIEVED THAT HIGHER PARKING FEES WOULD BE LUMPED WITH THE RENT AND THUS IN PART DEFRAIDED BY THE FRG'S SUBSIDY. HE ADDED THAT THE LEVEL OF RENTS AT TEGEL WOULD CORRESPOND ROUGHLY TO THOSE INCLUDED IN THE BFG'S 1973 APPLICATION WITH SOME MINOR ADJUSTMENTS DOWNWARD.

3. RUNNETTE SAID THAT THE AGREEMENT HAD NOT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE FRG OR PAA HEADQUARTERS, BUT HE WAS REASONABLY CERTAIN THE LATTER WOULD CONCUR. HE ADDED THAT PAA WOULD WANT USG ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT FOR A FARE INCREASE OF ABOUT .TWO PERCENT TO COVER HIGHER LANDING FEES AT TEGEL. IN ANY EVENT, QUITE APART FROM THE MOVE TO TEGEL, RUNNETTE THOUGHT THE CARRIERS WOULD REQUIRE ANOTHER FARE INCREASE THIS FALL OR EARLY NEXT YEAR BECAUSE OF FUEL PRICES AND INCREASED PERSONNEL COSTS.

4. EMBASSY WLL REPORT FURTHER WHEN WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT IN GREATER DETAIL.
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